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Fact Sheet

Mitigation

The fundamental purpose of fishery mitigation is to offset adverse impacts to fishery resources caused by the construction of Federal dams or Federal water development projects. The Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (FWCA) requires that fish and wildlife be given equal consideration in making decisions about Federal water projects. Fisheries mitigation involving National Fish Hatcheries consists of stocking salmonid species (rainbow, brown, brook, lake and cutthroat trout) and cool water species (sauger, pike, paddlefish and walleye) in waters impacted by Federal dams.

While change to the aquatic environment as a result of Federal dam construction has been significant, careful management of fisheries has helped retain significant economic and recreational benefits.

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